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FROM STYLES FOR BILLER (EB/TT)

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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: US-JAPAN INFORMAL TALKS

1. DEPARTMENT WILL NOTE FROM TIMM'S SEPTTEL TO CAB THAT THERE CONTINUES TO BE INTERNAL DISSENSION WITHIN CAB ON WHO WILL GO TO HONOLULU FOR JAPANESE TALKS, AS WELL AS APPARENTLY ON WHO FROM CAB IS SPEAKING FOR BOARD IN SUBSTANTIVE QUESTIONS. WHILE IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE FOR DEPARTMENT TO INVOLVE ITSELF IN THESE INTERNAL CAB MATTERS, STULES IS CONCERNED THAT THE DISSENSION, UNLESS CLEARLY RESOLVED BEFOREHAND, MAY HAMPER TALKS.

2. STYLES BELIEVES THAT FOLLOWING POINTS SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED AS GROUND RULES FOR TALKS INSOFAR USDEL CONCERNED:

A. TALKS ARE MERELY AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. NO COMMITMENTS WILL BE MADE AND NO FORMAL POSITIONS TAKEN, OTHER THAN THOSE ALREADY ESTABLISHED (E.G. NOISE LEVY).

B. USDEL MUST, HOWEVER, HAVE DISCRETION TO EXPRESS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUCH INFORMAL VIEWS AS USDEL CHAIRMAN DEEMS EITHER

SUBSTANTIVELY CORRECT OR TACTICALLY DESIRABLE.

C. ALTHOUGH TALKS ARE INFORMAL, USDEL CHAIRMAN WILL
BE MAIN SPOKESMAN AND WILL DECIDE ALL TACTICAL QUESTIONS.

D. LASTLY, IF CAB UNABLE RESOLVE ITS
PROBLEMS AND/OR CANNOT ACCEPT FOREGOING POINTS, IT WOULD
BE BETTER TO CANCEL OR DEFER TALKS THAN HAVE
A DEBACLE. AFTER ALL, IT IS JAPANESE WHO WANT TALKS
AND WE HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE BY ACTING HARD TO GET.

3. DEPARTMENT WILL BE BEST JUDGE HOW TO HANDLE FOREGOING,
BUT STYLES SUGGESTS MATTER BE DISCUSSED BY BILLER DIRECTLY
WITH CAB CHAIRMAN. STYLES WOULD APPRECIATE REPORT ON HOW
MATTERS STAND ASAP, BUT NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 2 IN
MELBOURNE.
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